

application process and its own set of regulations.

So why does President Clinton propose one more education program, program 761? Is it to improve the education of our children or merely to make us feel like we are educating our children by spending more money on more programs?

What we must do is shift education decisions from Washington bureaucrats to parents and local school boards. We can and we must do better.

REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED CONGRESS MAKING GOALS IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE UN-ATTAINABLE

(Mr. GEJDENSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, as I have been meeting in my district with working people and men and women who run small businesses, the two needs that turn out to be the most prevalent are the needs of a good education and training for the workers and good health care for all of them as well. Both of these goals are fast becoming unattainable. By the action of the Republican-controlled Congress it will be more difficult in the next year for kids to go to college, to get training and education. It is becoming more and more difficult between HMO's and the inaction, the lack of action, by the Federal Government in health care. Small businesses cannot afford to buy health care even for their top managers, as the price of these programs continue to climb and the benefits continue to shrink. HMO's are endangering people's health and survival in the way many of them are being managed, and what we are doing is we are crippling the future of this country unless we are ready to make sure that our workers are the best trained and the best educated in the world.

We compete globally. The reality is there are a billion-two Chinese and Indians, another billion, that are going to compete with us. Unless we are well trained we are going to lose the economic battle. The decisions made here will determine who will win and who will lose.

STOP THE DUPLICATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

(Mr. CHRYSLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, continuing on with the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON], his comments on the duplicative nature of the Federal Government programs where 760 Federal programs spanning 39 separate agencies and departments and commissions; we also when we got here found that we had 163 job training programs, and now, with the Careers Act, we only have 4.

The trade programs in this country; we had 115 trade programs and 19 different agencies. With my legislation to dismantle the Department of Commerce, we consolidated that into one trade office. The economic development programs; there were 315 economic development programs in the Federal Government. We need two, one for the private sector and one for the public sector.

We need to stop the duplication of the Government programs and get rid of this Government-knows-best attitude here in Washington, DC, because the American people cannot afford it any longer.

HOW TO AFFORD TO GIVE TAX RELIEF TO MIDDLE-INCOME PEOPLE

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago it was announced that AT&T was laying off 40,000 employees.

Then, several days ago, it was reported that Robert Allen, the head of AT&T, had made over \$16 million last year.

Mr. Speaker, this is almost obscene. There is no way that Mr. Allen could really have earned \$16 million for 1 year of work.

And to take this much money at the same time that thousands in his company are losing their jobs is really too cruel for words.

This excessive and exorbitant compensation was criticized even a columnist in yesterday's Wall Street Journal.

Also yesterday, most publications reported that average compensation for CEO's at 35 of our largest corporations averaged \$4.3 million and had gone up 23 percent since the year before.

I have said many times that the average person pays almost half of his or her income in taxes, counting taxes of all types, Federal, State, and local.

I do not favor higher taxes, but we need to give tax relief to middle-income people, and one way to help pay for it would be to raise the taxes on all these CEO's and athletes and others making over \$1 million a year.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES COOK

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, 54 years ago, in 1942, the security of liberty was not as certain as it is today. The flame of freedom was in danger of being completely snuffed out by those who sought to enslave the world.

Thankfully, freedom was preserved for us by a generation of patriotic benefactors who left the safety of their homes and traveled thousands of miles to rid the world of the despots who started World War II.

One of those patriots was Charles Cook. Cookie, as his friends knew him, passed away earlier this month, a half century after he was freed from a Japanese POW camp. You see, Charles Cook was a survivor of the infamous 1942 Bataan death march. Those who survived the Bataan death march and remained prisoners of the Japanese imperial army suffered more than most people living today could even imagine. But Charles Cook did not suffer in vain. He gave us a priceless legacy. Along with others of that great generation, he left the legacy of freedom for America and the rest of the world. It is for us now to preserve that gift.

We must recognize our inherited obligation, and be zealous custodians of Charles Cook's gift of liberty, which he purchased so dearly.

AMERICA CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER 4 YEARS OF PRESIDENT CLINTON

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, in my hometown, if they had found you in a dark alley with 75 pounds of cocaine and 4 pounds of heroin in the trunk of your car, there is a general consensus that you have done something wrong. But a Clinton appointed judge, Judge Herold Bear, who freed drug smugglers because he deemed it normal for suspects to run from the police turned these drug runners free. The public outcry over this brand of justice has been astounding, and President Clinton ought to demand the resignation of this judge immediately.

But what bothers me most about this case is we see yet another example where President Clinton's words do not match his actions. He may talk like a law and order conservative, but he appoints liberal judges who let criminals walk. If it had been up to this judge, these cops in New York City would not have been able to arrest a woman who was smuggling 4 million dollars' worth of drugs to Michigan, enough drugs to push on every kid in the city's school system, push drugs on each one of them.

America cannot afford these liberal judges and America cannot afford another 4 years of President Clinton.

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THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS GONE FROM JUST SAY NO TO JUST SAY NOTHING REGARDING DRUGS

(Mrs. CUBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton and his administration have turned a blind eye to the alarming rise in youth drug abuse.